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In re application of:

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Response To Office Action accompanies a Request for Continued Examination of the above-indicated application. The response is with respect to an Office Action mailed on March 25, 2003 and an Office communication mailed on September 30, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on July 23, 2003. With payment of fees for a three-month extension of time, which extension is hereby requested, this response is timely filed.

Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments.

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